Galston News

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£200,000 grant!



The Trust has been just awarded their first grant towards the regeneration of the Portland. A grant of £200,000 has been awarded by the Renewable Energy Fund, East Ayrshire Council subject to the Trust gaining the rest of the funding that they are applying for.

The grant application with LEADER will be decided in November 2016. This will be followed by a CARS application and a Big Lottery application.

Congratulations to our Development Officer, Stewart Bell for all the hard work that has gone into all these applications.

Our First Major Success!

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CARS – Buck's Head

The culmination of a year-long project, funded by East Ayrshire Council's Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme.



The Buck's Head, built in Victorian times, had become tired and in need of some TLC before local couple Helen and David Murdoch, bought the building and set about restoring it with the help of funding from CARS which contributes to the costs of restoring historic buildings using the sympathetic materials and techniques which are best suited to repairing them. The building is now looking magnificent, with a bespoke new frontage, painstakingly recreated to resemble the original and replacing an unsuitable 80's upvc construction and restoring the roof, stonework and gable end wall to their former glory.

The most outstanding feature of the pub is its brand new sign, lovingly designed by Loudoun Academy pupils and crafted in conjunction with Pete Hill at Ratho Forge. Forged from metal, and painted in colours to compliment the building, the sign is a modern interpretation of a traditional style hanging sign as used since the middle ages to denote the use or name of a shop or hostelry without the use of words.



The striking three dimensional stag's head was the winning design in a competition, funded by Galston CARS and run with the school and the owners of businesses within the conservation area.

Galston Community Development Trust

5th Annual General Meeting

Monday 21st November, 7.30pm

Hogg Hall, Galston Parish Church

Please come along to this important meeting and hear from the Trustees and give them your support.

The **5th Annual General Meeting** to:-

Report on the Trust activities over the last year
Report of the annual accounts of the Trust
Election of 3 Charity Trustees to the Board of Trustees
(*use the form below if you want to stand as a Trustee*)
Portland – plans and progress
Followed by refreshments

This year we are looking for 3 people to stand for election as Trustees. Diane Stewart and Lindsay Christie have stood down as Trustees. Grace Lawrie and Lex McTaggart (our new Treasurer) were co-opted last year and are standing for election as Trustees at this AGM.
As we approach an interesting year with the Portland coming online we need more people willing to devote their time, effort and skills to further the aims of the Trust.
PLEASE NOTE that only **Ordinary Members can vote or stand for election**, you may of course become an ordinary member if you are at least 16 years old and live in the Community Council election area. Trustees meet on the 1st and third Monday of most months of the year (except July)

Galston Community Development Trust

Election of Charity Trustees

Ordinary Members of the Trust **may self nominate** to stand as a Charity Trustee by filling in this form **and handing it in on the night before 7.40pm**

I, the undersigned, hereby nominate myself _____(full name) residing at

_____(address)

as a candidate for the above election. I am an ordinary member of the Trust and am not disqualified from being a charity trustee under the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005.

Signature _____ Date _____

If unable to attend you can delegate your vote to another member - phone 07771 606 393 for details.

Local Councillor's Report

October marks a year since I was elected and I must say, it has been a year of much discovery and learning. From community councils to regeneration projects and from galas to fetes, the year has flown by and I have enjoyed every moment so far. There is much on-going learning to do as elected members are here to represent their constituents when it comes to the services that we all rely on daily. I have learned a great deal about all aspects of council services to ensure I am able to represent the best interests of Valley residents. I currently serve on the Planning Committee; the Grants Committee; the Equalities Forum and the Ayrshire Valuation Joint Board.

We have seen a great many changes a foot in Galston over the last few months and I am pleased to see the CARS Scheme really starting to take shape. The Buck's head has a fully restored frontage complete with a wonderful forged hanging sign designed by Loudoun Academy pupils and what an improvement to the corner building at the Galston Four Corners. I look forward to seeing work start on the Portland Arms as we seek to retain our built heritage for generations to come. It is also brilliant to see external rendering works taking place to council housing in the Gauchallands area and I am pleased to report that the authority is working hard to find a solution to the derelict ex-council property in Catherine Drive.





It is an ongoing endeavour to preserve and retain buildings and there is still much to do locally. As we know all too well, once buildings are in private ownership, the local authority is limited in the powers it can use to compel works to be carried out. Therefore, I am going to work hard to ensure we seek to attach conditions when listed council buildings are sold in future.

I am also keen to preserve the heritage contained in the old Town Chambers which is within the conservation area. Going forward, I will champion the Community Empowerment Act and urge groups interested in using the Act to contact me for support.

SNP Councillor Elena Whitham
Ward 6 - Irvine Valley

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Rotary Club of Loudoun Young Chef Competition

The Rotary Club of Loudoun has once again sponsored a great cookery contest at Loudoun Academy in Galston.

The 2016 competition was held on 14th September with 14 fourth year students taking part.

The format involved students preparing a main dish of chilli con carne, and either a starter or sweet of their own choice. The standard of cooking and presentation was exceptional, which made the job of the judging panel extremely difficult. The winners were: 1st. Rebecca Baxter; 2nd. Lauren Gallacher and 3rd.Lindsay Buswell. All the students enjoyed themselves and principal home economics teacher Mrs. Jackie Dykes and her staff, who organised the competition, are to be congratulated on the very high standard of the entries.

Photos show the winners receiving their prizes from Phil Scott, President of the Rotary Club of Loudoun.







Galston Community Development Trust

Dates of future Board of Trustees meetings

Monday 17th Oct
Monday 7th Nov
Mon 5th Dec
Mon 16th Jan 2017
Mon 6th Feb 2017
Mon 20th Feb 2017

All held at 7.30 pm
In Trust Office,
16 Titchfield Street,

Members of the public are welcome to attend, although space is limited

Galston Primary School Report

Funday

On Thursday 1st September Galston Primary School opened their doors to the local community. A fantastic range of activities and stalls were designed to create fun and laughter for children and adults alike. Activities included a large inflatable assault course, bubble football, beat the goalie, face painting, glitter tattoos, bottle stalls and not to forget the main attraction of sponge the teacher.

Furthermore, the school had an outstanding baking stall with lots of goodies created by members of staff and parents of the school. Everyone had a fantastic afternoon and Galston Primary School would like to thank everyone who supported the school's event. The school raised an outstanding £1641.95 which will be put towards the school fund and used to support the teaching and learning of all pupils.

Mounted Police

We were very lucky to be visited 2 members of the mounted branch of the police. They came to speak to Primary 2 who are learning all about People Who Help Us. They were also introducing their new horse called Murphy, who is an 8 year old Clydesdale cross, to the children. Primary 2 made lots of noise and waved flags to test his manners and check he was up for his new job! He passed with flying colours. Well done Murphy and Primary 2!



Tesco Visits

Tesco in Galston have been very welcoming to Galston Primary School over the last month by inviting the school into the store to take part in a range of different activities. Primary 6, and 7 have been first to visit the store, taking part in activities linked to Food for Fuel, and Fair Trade. All pupils involved have enjoyed their visits and learned a lot about these areas. Future visits to Tesco include exploring Harvest, oranges for Christmas, Divali, healthy eating, ginger and spices, local produce and farming. I'm sure all pupils taking part in these activities will enjoy what Tesco have to offer. On behalf of all staff and pupils we would like to thank everyone at Tesco for their time and commitment to helping us learn more about these areas.

34 Wallace Street, Galston

This is a Category B listed building it is late 19th century (pre 1897). 2-storey, 3-bay gabled villa with Tudor details. Red sandstone ashlar to principal elevation, harl to sides and rear with ashlar dressings including base course, stone mullions and transoms. Mock timber-framing in principal gableheads, with substantial bargeboards.

Statement of Special Interest

No 34 Wallace Street is akin to works by H E Clifford suggesting that he may have been the architect. The house stands prominently in the burgh, with single storey properties either side. The 2nd edition OS map shows the property set back from the road, unlike its neighbours, evidently replacing an earlier house flush with the road, like its neighbours, as shown on the 1st edition OS map.

A structural report by Willie Hendry an associate of Hannah-Reed Co. Ltd dated 10 December 2008 concluded that in its present condition the property could not be economically refurbished and therefore it was recommended that the entire complex be demolished thereby removing a potentially dangerous building.

Since then consent has been obtained for demolition and redevelopment of the site for 3 No. Townhouses, this consent has expired and a subsequent application for the "Proposed complete demolition of existing listed building" was submitted and then withdrawn in 2015. The Council's Planning & Economic Development Service are currently pursuing the owner to submit the necessary applications and to carry the demolition of the building due to its dangerous condition.



On the 8th September given the impact on public safety presented by the building at 34 Wallace St, Galston, Building Standards were required to exercise powers under the Building (Scotland) Act 2003 and serve a Section 29 Dangerous Buildings Notice on the owner.

To secure compliance with the requirements of the notice, a structural survey required to be carried out on the condition of the building by a suitably qualified Structural Engineer; we are now in receipt of this report from the owner. The report raises such concern regarding the deterioration and stability of the building that the conclusion recommended demolition of property was carried out without further delay. Given the recommendations presented in the Structural Engineers report, building standards require the owner to carry out demolition work and the owner has confirmed that this will be undertaken starting on the 12th September 2016. Given this building is a Category B listing, the owner will require to regularise listed building consent retrospectively to accord with Planning legislation.

CARS 33 – 35 Bridge Street

People buy and restore old buildings for many reasons, but Stephen Scoullar's story is more unusual than most - a tale of detective work which led to him being party to an archeological dig and tracking down a German based, Russian Opera Singer, all because of his dislike of some peeling paint in Galston...

He heard that the top flat in the building at 33-35 Bridge Street was up for sale at a very reasonable price (partly due to its poor state of repair) and, bursting to give it "a good coat of paint and a tidy up", he put in a successful offer.

Of course, true to the nature of old buildings, he soon discovered that it needed more than just a wee coat of paint, but was unable to make much progress with improving it while others also shared the building. He explains: "I really thought if I just bought the flat and tidied it up a bit that would do, but there were issues with the roof and the general fabric of the building which I couldn't fix without access to the whole building so the simplest solution seemed to be to buy the other owners out."

"It took some detective work to track the opera singer down, but fortunately eventually we were able to acquire the remainder of the building. Then, with the help of East Ayrshire Council's Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) team, we were able to set about planning an extensive programme of renovation and repair."



Working in conjunction with the CARS team Rebecca Cadie and Oliver Elliott of ARPL Architects and Ewan Mackie of Prime Build who oversaw the construction, Stephen has set about a comprehensive programme of renovation using strictly prescribed traditional methods and materials, in keeping with the rules of the CARS ethos. Funded jointly by East Ayrshire Council and Historic Environment Scotland, the scheme gives owners of conservation area buildings up to 90% of the cost of renovating architecturally important properties which would otherwise be uneconomic to repair.

In this case, the age of the building which is thought to date to the 1830's, and the suspicion that it might have been built on the site of an earlier settlement, meant that the floor had to be lifted and an archeological dig carried out. While it found no trace of the earlier habitation, it did reveal traces of the building's former use as a pub, with the discovery of some old coins and clay pipes – once widely given out as a sales promotion to beer drinkers in the days before cigarettes.

Stephen is planning to feature the items in a specially built display case once all the work is complete. He says: "What started as a plan to tidy up an eyesore has become a bit of a passion, and now it's about to become my new place of work! I'm relocating my office here and I've got a tenant who will be taking over the ground floor and setting up a new business. It will be good to see it coming back into use, and we're getting a special display case made to show off the artefacts discovered during the dig. I'm delighted that we've managed to save this building and bring some new life to Galston Four Corners. None of it would have been possible without the help and support I've had through the CARS project."



Galston Community Development Trust

Development Officer

It has been an exciting year for the Trust, trialling new projects, working in the community, providing coaching to over 200 children, employing 2 members of staff and also securing the first part of funding for the Portland. What will 2017 hold for the Trust?

Walking Football -.We are continuing our trial of the Walking Football in the Mission Hall, 11am-12pm every Wednesday. We have secured funding so this will be FREE into the New Year. We had the Onthank Walking Football team up for a demonstration game so now we are looking to increase our own membership and create our own team. For more information check our Facebook Page or get in touch.



Community Jobs Scotland (CJS) – We have submitted a request to continue our involvement with this exciting scheme and we hope to be able to offer another admin assistant position in 2017. This funding is provided by the government to assist young unemployed people gain much needed skills and experience to enter the workplace and get off benefits.

Sports Cage Coaching – Again we have fantastic news that our coaching programme at the Barrmill Muga on a Monday night 6-8pm will be continuing for at least another 6 months. The programme has been running since 11th January 2016 and we regularly see 20+ children attend these fun sessions.

Community Cinema – We have completed our 3 cinema trial including 2 children's films and also a golden oldie. This has been a great success and we thank everyone for their support during these Trials. The Trust are looking to continue the cinema and are currently looking into licensing and equipment.

Portland Arms Funding – As you have seen we have secured £200,000 for the former Portland Arms. We have also identified the funders for the balance of the build and busy writing applications and having meetings so as we can make our dream a reality.

Office Opening Hours **Monday – Thursday 10am – 1pm.**
Please feel free to pop in for a coffee and a chat about the Trust and bring along any ideas that you may have.

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Galston Lottery

If you want to be part of the regeneration then join the Galston Lottery.



Every week the Trust receives approx. £85

and a lucky person who has joined the Galston Lottery wins approx. £85
The more who join the bigger the prize each week

At the moment 170 people are in the lottery.

Last year £4014 was raised to fund the Trust

and 48 prize winners shared a total of £4014
Since starting in 2014 the Lottery has raised £8532 for the Trust. .

You can join at the Trust Office, 16 Titchfield Street or Wilma Scades.

Pay by direct debit (£4 a month)
or
by handing in £4 cash in monthly envelopes.

Lucky Galston Lottery Winners:-

July 2016 - £82.50	***August 2016 - £85.00***	***September 2016 - £85.00***
James Mullen *Karla Dodsworth* *Elaine Davidson* *John Smith*	*Doreen Hood* *John Smith* *Elizabeth Black* *Ella Hamilton*	*Robert Young* *Mary Gemmell* *Eleanor Brown* *Doreen McIvor*

Next month it could be YOU but only if you join the Galston Lottery ONLY £1 a week

Galston Bowling Club

The Galston Bowling Club ladies section again retained the West of Scotland Fours Championship this year. The club has won the trophy seven times since 2001, however, on the last six occasions this was achieved by exactly the same rink comprising ; Mary Grier, Dorothy Foster, Janette McVean and Margaret Henderson winning the trophy in 2008 and 2011 then again in the four consecutive years 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 a record that will be hard to beat or even equal. Another Galston ladies rink comprising; Janet Steel, Ann Banks, Janette McVean and Dorothy Marshall also reached the semi-final of the SBA Fours at Northfield. Congratulations to all the ladies involved!



Photo L-R Janette McVean, Dorothy Foster, Mary Grier and Margaret Henderson.

Loudoun Academy

Newmilns Food Festival

The parents, pupils, staff and helpers did an amazing job of keeping the Tea Tent going and made a great success of the whole day for us

Thanks to the hundreds of customers who helped us make the day worthwhile and to the event organisers and council staff who helped it all go without a hitch

The compliments on the conduct of all our wonderful pupil helpers who served and cleared tables all day should make the school and their parents very proud and we wish them a very special thank you.

Thanks to Tesco for providing the packed lunches to all the staff and help on the day

Lastly and by no means least I want to thank all of our Great Valley Bakers for providing all of the home baking for the Tea Tent ... we could not have made a success of the day without you and the whole school really appreciate your fab baking.



Galston CARS the next building to undergo regeneration will be The Principal Café, 3-5 Brewland Street.

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Galston Community Council are holding their Christmas Market on Sunday 20th November 2016 in Church Lane Car Park from 1pm to 4 pm with many stalls and of course Santa. Come along and see everything. If you would like a stall please contact 01563 820854



Remembrance parade, will be leaving the police station at 10.45 am on Sunday 13th November everyone is welcome to join the parade.



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The Boys' Brigade, 3rd Galston Company

Junior Section at the 10 pin bowling against boys from the rest of East Ayrshire Battalion.





Are you in Primary 4, 5 or 6 then why not join the Junior Section on Mondays 7 – 9pm costs only £2

Sunday 18th December
Christmas Card Delivery

The Company will deliver your Christmas Cards to addresses within the town of Galston on Sunday 18th Dec for

30p a Card

Save money on stamps

Cards can be handed to any member
Handed in to Mission Hall any Mon Wed Thu Fri
Handed into Wilma Scades Shop, Titchfield Street
NOTE latest time to accept cards is Sat 17th Dec at 1.00pm

At the September weekend, Ben Rae, being the only Silver D of E candidate in our Company, joined 3 other young men from 1st Stewarton. They started their 32 Mile hike in Aberfoyle, walking to Calendar on the first day, day 2 was along Loch Lubnaig to Strathyre, finishing on day three at the top of Glen Ogle, near Killin.

Sunday 30th October will be the enrolment parade for the Company, to the Parish Church. The Company are holding a celebration lunch after the service to mark the award of the Company's 14th and 15th Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Badges to Lt Scott Cummings and Lt James Clements and the President's Badge to L/Cpl Rory Walker.

Members of the public and the congregation are invited to the lunch of sandwiches and cake, which will start after the service at approx. 12.10pm. The lunch is free, however those attending are being invited to make a donation to the Company's appeal Carronvale House refurbishment appeal / Malawi appeal to help provide equipment at the hospital on Likoma Island. At present members of the Company and Congregation are collecting 5ps in smartie tubes 50% will go to the BB National Headquarter Appeal to refurbish the National Training Centre – Carronvale and the the other 50% will go to help the hospital on Likomo Island.



Are you in Primary 7 or Secondary 1 to 6 then why not join the Company Section on Thursdays & Fridays 7.30 – 9.30pm costs only £2

One year after buying the BB Mission Hall the Company has again been successful in being awarded a grant of £5400 from East Ayrshire Council, Renewable Energy Fund. This grant is to replace the heating system in the main hall and to replace the two boilers with one larger boiler. This should make it warmer and more efficient. The cast iron pipes are being replaced with 8 long narrow radiators below the side benches.



Anchor Boys for Primary 2 & 3 meet for an hour of fun on a Wednesday night 6.30 to 7.30pm and costs only £1.50 Come along and enjoy the fun.

CLOTHES

The Company are again collecting clothes that you no longer wear, during October and November. Clear out your cupboards and make space for Christmas.

As long as the clothes are still wearable, don't have holes/rips, are clean and dry then the Company can make good money from them. Approx £2.50 for each black bag of clothes.

Please hand clothes into the Mission Hall on a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday between 7.00 and 7.30 pm or they can be handed to any Officer or Boy. We will also collect if you phone 07771 606 393.

Money raised will be used to continue the improvements to the BB Mission Hall.

Most evenings are now taken up, but the hall is still available for hire during the day and weekends. The hall has a large range of facilities available:-



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Indoor Table Sale
BB Mission Hall

The Boys' Brigade, 3rd Galston Company Scottish Charity Number SC034625

Book your table now!

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Sunday 16th Oct 2016

Tables cost £5

Make money by selling your unwanted items.

Sunday 16th Oct
1 – 3 pm
Free admission

Galston Merchandise

The Trust have now commissioned a wide variety of Galston Merchandise, available to buy from the Trust Office at 16 Titchfield Street.

They all make great gifts to give to friends, family and people born in Galston, now moved away.



Postcards 40p



Coasters £2.50



Fridge Magnets £2.00





Keyrings £2.00



Mugs £3.50



Canvas Bags £5.00

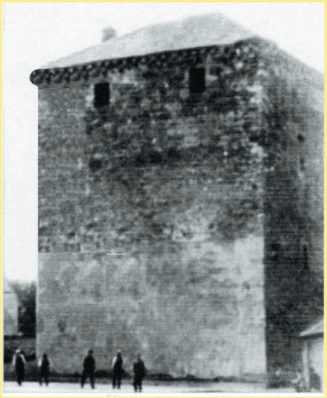
The Galston Merchandise is also available to other shops and businesses, please contact us on 07771 606 393 to discuss pricing, etc.

If you have any ideas of other products that could be considered, please let us know.

Did You Know? 12

We all know the Barr Castle. It stands proud and tall, overshadowing all around. And we are all aware of its history and its uses past and present; from family keep and animal shelter to Masonic Lodge and town museum. It is well worth a visit, especially on Doors Open Day.

But, once upon a time, the Barr Castle had another use. It provided the setting for the famous game of Hand Ba' a game played in Galston over many years. So what was Hand Ba'? The easiest way of describing it, is to liken it to Squash, but with a totally different language used to set the rules.



It appears to have been peculiar to the Irvine Valley and to Galston in particular where it was played against the wall of the Barr Castle, the ancient Keep of the Lockharts of Barr, at the spot where the gardens are now. The miners were the main participants in this fast, energetic and skilful game. It has been suggested that this was a good way for them to "let off steam" and get some exercise, after having been cooped up all day deep underground.

There was no uniform. The players played in trousers, semmet [vest] and bare feet. The "ball" had a core of rubber round which was wound old wool and then it was covered with pigskin. This was "punted, haun'd or fisted" against the rough wall, latterly skimmed with cement, with their bare hands. For many years the mark of the line of the cement was still visible on the north wall of the castle. Three players formed a side. The "head" player's position was on the left of the "Ailley", the "foot" player's position was on the right, or street side and the "middle" player remained between them.
The game began with the inside player of the "hauns in", or serving trio, throwing the ball against the wall. When the ball bounced it was returned to the wall by one of the outside players. This continued until the "hauns in " team faulted either by failing to return the ball to the wall, or missed the ball altogether, or caused the ball to bounce over the chalk line which marked the "head of the aillie" or placed it "under the line" marked by a wooden board about a foot from the castle wall.

If an outsider defaulted then the opposition claimed a point. If an insider defaulted then that team lost "the haun" and they became " hauns oot" and the service went to the other side. Only the side holding the service was allowed to score. Then game continued like this until the magic figure of 34 was reached. This was acknowledged with a shout of "geme ba'" and the opposition knew that they were on their last legs!

In 1859 Lt William McGill of the 70th Regiment presented belts to be worn by the winners of the Championships. These were much prized in a similar fashion to the more well known Lonsdale Belt of boxing and they were worn with pride. There were also cups and medals and badges for the lesser events. One of the most noted, and decorated, trios of the 1920's was the Murray brothers, George [Duke], Tam and James [Speeder]. The latter of whom died in 1964.

A form of the game is still played by the New York Police and by the Dublin Police. Chistera, the Spanish game, is also similar but the players there play with a wicker basket strapped to their wrist to catch and throw the ball. At one time several football clubs in Scotland brought their players to Galston to learn the game as the agility, speed and dexterity was thought to be helpful in their training. Unfortunately the Second World War saw the demise of the game but its memory lives on still in a very few "old timers"
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Galston Brownies have started the new term taking part in the Scottish 'Out and About 2016' challenge. They enjoyed playing games, exploring the Burnawn and walking locally.







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Kick Boxing Report

The 3rd WKU Open tournament was held in St Josephs Academy, Kilmarnock on Sunday 28th August. The completion attracted numerous local clubs and clubs from as far afield as Inverness & Wales.
There was a very high standard of fighter throughout the categories and of all ages. The Galston Gladiators Kickboxing Club had 10 students taking part. From this squad they came back with 8 podium places.
Myka Foster, the youngest of the fighters at 3 years old took 3rd in the childrens -22kg light contact event, MaryJane Torrie brought back 3rd in -25kg semi contact and light contact sections, Johnathan Torrie returned from the -35kg categories with 2nd in semi contact and 1st in light contact. Lara Aulton, one of the clubs assistant instructors displayed her experience to take 3rd in the teams, 3rd in ladies light contact and 1st in ladies semi contact. Paul McEwan, Jack Oswald, Alana Carbis, Ben Stitt, Caleb Foster and Riley Craigen all showed great courage in their sections, but did not finish in the medal places, this time. Ben Stitt also returned from the WKA event on Sunday 14th August in Ravencraig Sports Centre with 2nd in his semi contact category.

The club would like to thank all the friends and family that came along to support the competitors. The cheering and encouragement is greatly appreciated.

The Galston based kickboxing club trains every Tuesday night in the Mission Hall, Galston. Anyone interested in trying the sport should call Craig on 07870240807 or come down to the club for further info.



PHOTO (L-R)
Back – Paul McEwan, MaryJane Torrie, Lara Aulton, Johnathan Torrie, Ben Stitt
Front – Alana Carbis, Jack Oswald, Caleb Foster, Myka Foster
Absent – Riley Craigen

St Sophia's Primary School Report

We are delighted to welcome our new Primary 1's, new Staff members and new pupils to St. Sophia's.



Darvel Flower Show
We were delighted to have achieved 1st place at the Darvel Flower Show, we were awarded the Lanfine Cup which we keep for a year.

Crosshouse Hospital Visit
Primary 1 have visited University Hospital Crosshouse as part of their "Our Bodies" topic. The children had a tour of the Paediatric A&E department and learned all about what happens in hospitals.

Children's Day of Dance
Primary 4&5 are preparing to take part in the Children's Day of Dance. Our thanks to Mrs Merrick who will be helping the children learn some traditional Scottish dances in preparation for the Day of Dance.

Keep Moat
We were delighted to welcome representatives from construction company Keep Moat as well as their mascot Ivor Goodsite. The children learned about site safety and the dangers of building sites.



Great to be Green
We had our first Great to be Green reward day as part of our Promoting Positive Behaviour Strategy. Children who had been awarded green for their behaviour were allowed to take part in activities such as Karaoke Party, making Kandy Kebabs, Just Dance Party, play dough modelling to name a few. The next event will take place on 5th October.

Schools Cross Country
Senior pupils are looking forward to taking part in the Schools Cross Country which will be held at the Ayrshire Athletics Arena. We wish them luck.

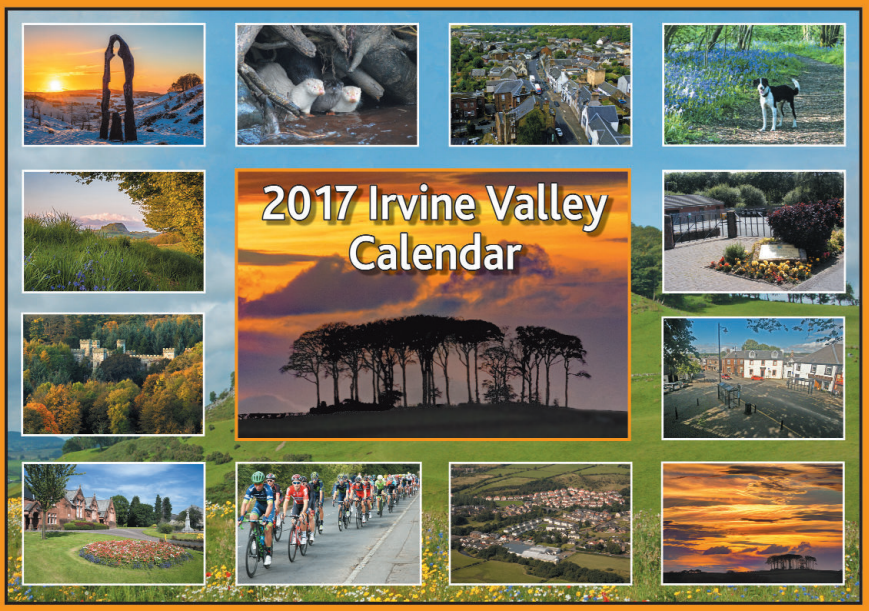
Secondary Transition
Primary 7 pupils will make their first Transition visit to St. Joseph's Academy this month; the children will take part in a Mass of Welcome and then participate in activities based on Secondary curriculum.

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The new 2017 Irvine Valley Calendar is now at the printers. Special arrangements have been made for ADVANCE COPIES to be made available in the shops by the start of October, so that customers can take advantage of the cheaper rates for overseas posting to USA, Canada NZ Australia, etc.

The 2017 Irvine Valley Calendar is once again a quality product with interesting colour prints of Irvine Valley subjects by local photographers and also includes monthly appointment pages and a three year planning calendar.

Supplied in a robust envelope, the calendar is excellent value for money at £5 and will be available from shops throughout the Valley and beyond.



GALSTON

The bridge in Church Lane is currently being repaired under the Galston CARS Scheme, public realm project. When completed it will improve Church Lane and the car park.





Galston Parish Church

DOORS OPEN DAY

DOORS Open Day was the occasion - and the excuse - to make a weekend of it in Galston Parish Church! Normally, the Church would be one of many buildings throughout Ayrshire open to the public but on this occasion we had another reason to celebrate. 2016 was the year of the Bicentenary of the invention of the Stirling Engine and we should all know by now that the Stirling Engine was invented by Rev. Dr. Robert Stirling, Minister in Galston for 54 years.

Last year, of course, the congregation organised the replacement of the memorial stone to Dr. Stirling in Galston Cemetery - a year later it was important that the Bicentenary of his invention was celebrated.

Messy Church on Saturday was a great fun day and the children (and adults) who attended enjoyed some 'messy' arts and crafts, games, worshipand finishing off with a tasty hot dog or hamburger at the end of an exciting afternoon.



Then on Sunday there was a Songs of Praise, conducted by Rev. Alastair Symington and arranged by Graeme Finnie, Director of Music. A display of the work of church organisations added to beautiful floral arrangements ensured the church building was looking at its best for the occasion. The Stirling Exhibition, similar to the one held last year had also been set up but this time the venue was the Balcony. The Chancel, too, was put to good use and there were working Stirling Engines on display with Willie Kidd in attendance demonstrating models and examples of Stirling Engines.



During the Songs of Praise, author James Rizzo from Malta and Dr. Marie Laurie (Glasgow) made three presentations to the congregation.The first was a hard-bound copy of 'Stirling Engine Projects – Volume 1', the latest book to be published by Mr Rizzo. The second was a powered model Mr Rizzo had made, almost exactly as in the patent application, of the 1816 Stirling's vision of how the 'air engine' would work; the scale model, not run under elevated heat pressure, but articulated by a small mains electric motor. The third gift was a specially prepared presentation of the full text enthusiast and drawings of the 1816 application on an appropriately 'scrolled' board, slightly enlarged so as to be legible at some distance. This had been created by Simon Laurie, brother of Marie. Mr Rizzo addressed the congregation, telling them of how his interest in Stirling Engines had began more than 30 years ago.

The Hogg Hall hosted teas, a display of photographs from the church's photographic competition and there were books, cards and souvenirs on sale, also for charity. As a result £170 had been donated to Ayrshire Hospice and £26 to the church. One of the floral arrangements was taken to Galston Cemetery after the occasion and laid at the new memorial of Rev. Robert Stirling.

The Songs of Praise was attended by more than 150 people and around 100 more visited the church in the afternoon during Doors Open Day. Visitors came from near and far with the USA, Malta, Sweden, Japan and England all represented!

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A NEW MINISTER?



Galston Parish Church has a new Minister, subject to Presbytery approval. Vacant since January 2013, Rev. Kristina Hine preached as sole nominee on Sunday 2nd October (11am) and was accepted by the congregation. Her induction to the charge should be near the end of November. Kristina is already ordained in the Presbyterian Church USA and is following a call to ministry in Scotland. She had to complete a 'familiarisation placement' under the supervision of a suitably qualified Minister of the Church of Scotland and served at Castlehill in Ayr, then Alloway. The daughter of an Air Force Major and a German mother, Kristina is a lifelong Presbyterian.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Irvine and Kilmarnock Presbytery's 'Retirements Committee Report' will be discussed at a meeting of Galston Parish Church congregation congregational meeting in the Hogg Hall on Sunday 23 October 2016 ,.at 2pm. The full report is available on church website and in the latest edition of Kirk News, the church magazine.

CHURCH CONTACTS: Interim Moderator – Revd John Urquhart (01563 538289). Locum Minister – Revd Alastair Symington (01292 312556). Session Clerk – Robert Murray (01563 822005).

CHURCH WEBSITE – *www.kirknews.org.uk*

MORNING WORSHIP is held in Galston Parish Church every Sunday at 11am.



The answer was the Wee Train, Wallace Street.

PHOTO COMPETITION for Members WINNER !



Thanks to those who entered the photo competition in Issue 15
The £20 prize was won by **Wilma Scade.**
Try this month's competition on page 24 – win £20 !

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Can you identify where in Galston the picture opposite was taken?

You need to be a member to enter – but don't worry if you are not already a member - you can join at the same time as you enter the competition by filling in the form below.



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